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David Horsens
Declaration
to obtain Land
of the State of Maine

Receipt & Certificate of
J. Berwick
Agents

I know all Men by these Presents, that I
David Hanson of Benwick in the County of
York & State of Maine, Yeoman being the same
person by whom the accompanying declaration is
made, do constitute & appoint Charles B. Bart-
lett Esquire of Benwick in said County
of York my true and lawful attorney
for me and in my name to receive from the
land agent of the State of Maine, such certificates
as he may issue to me in virtue of a Resol-
ution of this State passed March 17th 1835 entitled
a Resolution in favor of certain officers and
soldiers of the Revolutionary War and the Widows
of deceased officers and soldiers, and of a resolution
dated March 23-1830 entitled "A Resolution additional
to a Resolution in favor of certain officers & soldiers
of the Revolutionary war & the widows of deceased
officers & soldiers" - to the benefit of which
Resolutions I am entitled. And the said Attorney
is hereby authorized & empowered upon the receipt
of said certificate, for me & in my name to
execute such receipt an acknowledgment thereon
as I might, use & I personally present

Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever
my said attorney shall do by virtue hereof.

Witness my hand & seal this eighth day of
August A.D. 1830-

Signed Sealed & delivered

David Hanson

in the presence of us -

Wm. H. Hayes
J. H. Cogswell

Justices of the Peace of Maine in
County of York ss - Be it known that on this eighth
day of August A.D. 1830 - before the subscribers Jus-
tices of the Peace for said County personally appeared
David Hanson above named & acknowledged the foregoing
instrument of attorney by him signed to be his free act & deed
In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
name the day & year last above named

Wm. H. Hayes Just. of the Peace

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David Horsom
of Benwick

Aug. 8. 1838

Resolved Mar 17. 1838

Recd June 12. 1839

No enlistment for 3 years or
during war - service in
militia or on board ships of
war not provided for in the
Resolves. Without militia &
sea service applicants
service in the Army of
the Revolution short of
three years & therefore
rejected.

Wrote Hays & Coughwell Aug. 29. 39

Hays Hoagwell

I David Hanson of Benwick in the County of York and State of Maine aged seventy eight years do upon oath declare in order to obtain the benefit of resolution of the Legislature of Maine passed March 14th 1835, entitled "a resolution in favor of certain officers & soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of deceased Officers & soldiers" and of a Resolution dated March 23^d - A.D. 1838 entitled a Resolution additional to a resolution in favor of certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war, and the widows of deceased officers & soldiers!" That I enlisted into Stephen Hodsdon's company of Massachusetts Militia in the spring of 1775 for two months - I was marched to Hattery Point with the company to which I belonged, served the two months there & at Boston on the harbor to guard the coast from a British ship of war then off the coast, which was expected to land James Goodwin was Lieutenant of the company - I was honorably discharged after having served the term for which I enlisted - I again

In the spring of 1776 I enlisted into Capt. Stephen Bliss's company of Massachusetts Militia James Hodsdon Lieutenant and Aaron Hanson Ensign for two months marched to Cambridge served the two months there, & was discharged -

In March 1776 I again enlisted in the continental service for one year & immediately after the termination of said last named two months service, I entered on the said year's service, under the same officers in Col. James Reed's Regiment marched to New York - Col. Reed's Regiment was numbered two, in the Massachusetts line - After having served one year, for which I enlisted, at the special request of General Sullivan at Trenton New Jersey I volunteered to serve nine weeks longer - During that nine weeks I was in the battle of Princeton, I was one of the advance guard on that occasion & first attacked. Served the nine weeks & was discharged

In the latter part of the summer of 1777 I

enlisted in Capt. Samuel Grants company
of Massachusetts Militia for three months, and
marched to Saratoga New York, and was present
at the taking of Burgoyne and his army -
Col. Joseph Storer commanded the Regiment -
I served the three months & was discharged

In the spring or summer of the year
seventeen hundred & seventy eight, I enlisted
again into the continental service in Capt.
Sadoells company in Col. Billeys Regiment
in the New Hampshire line - marched into
New Jersey & Pennsylvania, served the nine
months ~~months~~ for which I enlisted, and
was honorably discharged in the State
of Connecticut.

Again in the Fall of the year 1779
I shipped on board the Ranger an armed
ship, belonging to the United States - then
lying at Portsmouth N.H. for one year
I was put on board the first prize we took
and in about three weeks the prize was
retaken by the British, I was carried to
the West Indies & remained there in prison
five months - I with five or seven hundred
American prisoners was put on board a cartel
and sailed for America - A British fleet
took us in custody & carried us to Charleston
South Carolina - was there detained by the
enemy some time & did not reach home
till the expiration of the year for which
I shipped on board the Ranger - I was
a pensioner under the Act of Congress of
March 18 - A.D. 1810 and was struck off on
account of my property, & I am now a pen-
sioner under the Act of Congress of June 8th
A.D. 1832 - at the rate of eighty four dollars per annum

I do further declare that at the times
of my enlistments aforesaid I was an in hab-
itant of this state residing in Brunswick where

I now reside and did so on the seventeenth day
of March A.D. 1835 have been ever since, and
am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine
residing in Lebanon in said State & in Brunswick
aforesaid where I have resided for seventy eight
years last past.

That neither I nor any one claiming
under me has ever received a grant of land, or
money in lieu thereof from the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, ^{on any other state} for my said service, or any
other service during the Revolutionary War;
that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said
Resolves above named,

The words "any other state" intimated before signing

Witness Mr. A. Hayes - David Horsom
State of Maine County of York D.S.

Subscribed & sworn to this eighth day of
August A.D. 1830 -

Before me Mr. A. Hayes Justice of the
Peace

David Horsum

I hereby certify, That the accompanying pages numbered
from 1 to 6 inclusive are truly copied from the originals
in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions, Department
of War.

Rezin Orme is employed in copying papers for the State of Maine,
and his certificates are entitled to credit.

J. L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions.

Be it remembered, That James L. Edwards, who has signed
the foregoing certificate, is Commissioner of Pensions; and that to
his attestations full faith and credit are and ought to be given.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
subscribed my name, and caused the seal
of the Department to be affixed, on
this twenty first day of June
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty nine

J. P. Pinnett

Secretary of War.

State of Maine

County of York, ss. On this fifteenth day of August A, D, 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Probate now sitting at South Berwick, in & for the County of York, David Horsum a resident of Berwick in the County of York and State of Maine, aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. In the Spring of the year, one thousand seven hundred, and seventy five, a British Ship of War, called, I think, the Scenborough was lying in Portsmouth Harbor - a company of men was sent there to protect the town, I volunteered as a Soldier in that company, and served two months. The British Ship left the Harbor & the company was then discharged. I can prove this service by Reiker and Jonathan Horsum, who served with me - Stephen Hodsdon was Captain, and James Goodwin of Berwick was Ensign. There were no ~~other~~ troops there but our company, and no field or General officer. I never received any discharge. In the winter of 1775 & 1776, I volunteered to join the Army near Boston, under the command of Capt. Place, Thomas Hodsdon was Lieutenant, and Aaron Hanson Ensign, We marched to Mystic, where there was a great number of troops. The last part of our time, we spent in Cambridge, & were discharged after having served two months. I had no written discharge. I remember General John Sullivan, General Gates, and General Putnam. I can prove this service by Jonathan Horsum who served with me. In the winter or Spring of 1776, after the termination

of my enlistment for two months, in the year 1775/1776. I enlisted in the Continental service for one year, and marched to New York, and then to Canada. I was in Capt. Place's company, in Col. Reed's regiment - number two. Massachusetts line. I faithfully served out this term, after the close of it, I volunteered by the request of Gen. Sullivan, while at Trenton New Jersey, to stay six weeks longer, during which period, I was in the battle of Princeton - was one of the advance guards on that occasion, and was one of the earliest in battle. In the summer or Fall of 1777, I enlisted for three months, and was with Capt. Samuel Grant of Berwick, and marched to Saratoga in New York. I was present and assisted at the capture of Gen. Burgoyne and his army. I faithfully performed this period of service. In the Spring or Summer of 1778, I enlisted again for nine months in the Continental service, in Col. Colley's regiment N. Hampshire line, and was marched to New Jersey and Pennsylvania. I was under Capt. Sadwell, and faithfully served out the term of my enlistment. In the Fall of 1779, I enlisted at Portsmouth N. H. on board the Ranger, an United States, armed Ship, for one year. I was put on board the first prize we took, and in about three weeks the prize was retaken by the British. and I was carried to the West Indies, and remained there in Prison for six months. I was born in Berwick in York County State of Maine, on the 18th day of May 1760. I made application for a pension under the Law of March 18. 1818, which was granted - but my name has been struck from the Pension roll, on account of my having property. I know of no other evidence that I can furnish except as above stated, but my neighbors know of my being absent during the term above named. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State,

except as before stated.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day
and year aforesaid.

David Horsum

Before, W^m A. Hayes, Judge of said Court.

We, Joseph Hilliard, a clergyman, residing in the town of Berwick and Charles M. Cogswell, residing in the town of South Berwick hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with David Horsum who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy two years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of ^{the} Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to, and subscribed the
day and year aforesaid

Joseph Hilliard
Charles M Cogswell

Before W^m A. Hayes Judge of said Court.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

W^m A. Hayes Judge of said Court
I, W^m Cutter Allen, Register of the Court of Probate aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of David Horsum for a pension. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this fifteenth day of August A. D. 1832.

W^m Cutter Allen, Register of Probate

Seal

I, Jonathan Horsum resident in Berwick in the County of York, and State of Maine, aged 74 years, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with David Horsum, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, and I believe him to be seventy two years of aged, and I know that he rendered the services for two months

in the year 1775, in guarding the town of Portsmouth as by him set forth above, because I served with in the same company. I also know that the said David performed the other service for two months under Capt. Place in the years 1775 & 1776, as by him above set forth, because I served with him in that company also.

Jonathan Norsum

York ss, August 14th 1832.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Charles N. Cogswell Jus of the Peace

State of Maine

York, ss, I, William Cutler Allen, Register of Probate, for the County of York, hereby certify that Charles N. Cogswell is a Justice of the Peace for said County of York, as above stated, and that the foregoing signature, purporting to be his, is genuine.

Seal

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Wm. Cutler Allen Register of Probate

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

York, ss {

On this fourth day of April A.D. 1818, before me the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit in said Commonwealth, personally appears David Norsum aged sixty years, resident in Berwick in said County of York, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War": That he the said David Norsum in the month of January 1776, enlisted as a private soldier in the Continental Army for the term of one year, under Capt. Place in the Reg^t commanded by Col. Read of the New Hampshire Line, that he continued to do his duty in said company & Reg^t in the various places in which they were stationed until the above named term of twelve months expired, when he was honourably discharged at Tinton in the state of New York, but has lost his discharge. And in proof of the foregoing declaration made by the aforesaid David Norsum, Maturen Ricker & Eleazar Clark two creditable witnesses personally appear and being first duly sworn according to law, they upon their oaths do say, that the above named David Norsum did serve as a private soldier in the Continental army under Capt. Place of the Regiment commanded by Col. Read for the full term of twelve months as he has testified, that they served with him the whole of said term and know that he was con=

considered as a faithful soldier, & was honourably discharged at the expiration of the term of his enlistment.

That he is reduced in his circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year above said. Benjⁿ. Greene.

I, Benjamin Greene, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit, in the Commonwealth aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction that the said David Hosurn did serve in the Revolutionary war against the common enemy, as he has stated in his declaration aforesaid—and that he is reduced in his circumstances, and needs the assistance of his country for his support.—And I do now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned act of Congress.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this fourth day of April Anno Domini, 1818.

(Seal)

Benjⁿ. Greene.

